

## **Additional questions from industry regarding the START III SOW:**

### **Question:**

The announcement for the START III SOW stated that it is anticipated that applicable NAICS code used would be 541620. What is the rationale for using this NAICS code, and not 562910 which has a size standard of 500 employees?

### **Answer:**

Based on review of the diverse services to be performed under the START III SOW, the Government anticipates that NAICS code 562910, with a size standard of 500 employees, will be used. The Government believes that NAIC code 562910 is the best code that addresses the multi-disciplines required to perform the tasks of the START III SOW, and allows the maximum participation by the small business community.

**Question:** Will the contractor be required to perform task areas of the START III SOW in other countries in addition to Mexico and Canada?

### **Answer:**

Yes, the draft START III scope of work indicated that services may be required outside the United States. More details regarding this issue will be provided as they are developed. All updates will be posted to the internet for review.

### **Questions:**

What standards will be required for nationally consistent qualifications for response personnel?

### **Answer:**

This information is being developed and will be posted when available. In addition, there are several questions regarding the tasking areas of the START III SOW that are being addressed by appropriate Agency stakeholders. All answers will be posted to the internet, after they are developed. It is anticipated that answers to START III SOW questions received as of 12/23/03, will be provided by January 31, 2004.